



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
WATER TESTING RESULTS: WEEK OF SEPT 12, 2022

Concerned Citizens of Montauk (CCOM) partners with the Surfrider Foundation Eastern Long Island Chapter and Peconic Baykeeper to monitor East End water bodies for the bacteria enterococcus. CCOM tests locations in Montauk, Amagansett, and East Hampton, processes the water samples in the CCOM office lab and shares the results with the public through press releases and the Surfrider Foundation’s Blue Water Task Force (BWTF) online portal. Entero levels at 104 and above are considered a risk to human health. High levels are often due to heavy rains, extreme high tides, and/or warm water temperatures. Levels <10 are considered below the detection limit of the test. *Intensive monitoring and/or remediation projects are planned or in place at the locations marked with an asterisk (*)*.

LOCATION	ENTERO LEVEL	INDICATION OF
MONTAUK		
Lake Montauk: Harbor*	Not Tested	
Lake Montauk: Causeway South*	Not Tested	
Lake Montauk: Little Reed Pond Creek*	959	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Nature Preserve Beach*	2,187	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: East Creek*	12,997	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: South Beach*	5172	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: West Creek	Not Tested	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Stepping Stones*	>24,196	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Benson Dr. Culvert	Dry	
Ditch Plains: East of Jetty	10	Low Bacteria
Surfside Place: Beach	52	Medium Bacteria
Surfside Place: Outfall Pipe*	Dry	High Bacteria
Fort Pond: Industrial*	798	High Bacteria
Fort Pond: Ramp*	1785	High Bacteria
Tuthill Pond	2481	High Bacteria
LI Sound: Fort Pond Bay, Tuthill Rd.	2755	Low Bacteria
LI Sound: Fort Pond Bay, Navy Rd.	41	Medium Bacteria
LI Sound: Soundview Drive Beach	Not Tested	
LI Sound: Soundview Drive Culvert	Not Tested	
AMAGANSETT		
Napeague Harbor: East	<10	Low Bacteria
Napeague Harbor: West	<10	Medium Bacteria
Fresh Pond: Beach*	10	Low Bacteria
Fresh Pond: Creek*	10	High Bacteria
EAST HAMPTON		
Accabonac Harbor: Louse Point Beach	<10	Low Bacteria
Accabonac Harbor: Shipyard Ramp*	238	High Bacteria
Accabonac Harbor: East of Old Stone Culvert*	379	High Bacteria
Pussy’s Pond*	Inaccessible	
Three Mile Harbor: Folkstone Drive	30	Low Bacteria
Three Mile Harbor: Head of the Harbor*	52	Medium Bacteria
Three Mile Harbor: Settler’s Landing	31	Low Bacteria
Northwest Creek: Ramp	41	Medium Bacteria
Northwest Creek: Culvert	Dry	



Concerned Citizens of Montauk (CCOM), in partnership with the Gobler Lab at Stony Brook Southampton, monitors Fort Pond and Big Reed Pond for toxic blue-green algal blooms (cyanobacteria). CCOM delivers samples to the Lab, which shares bloom occurrences online through the NYS DEC HAB Notification page. Samples with blue-green levels at 20ug/L and above indicate the water body is at high risk of a bloom and are therefore tested for toxins. The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) considers a concentration of 25ug/L and above as a bloom.

LOCATION	BLOOM STATUS	BLUE-GREEN LEVEL	INDICATION OF
Fort Pond: Industrial	No bloom present	2.48	Low Risk
Fort Pond: Ramp	No bloom present	20.87	High Risk

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